



February 17, 2009

SENATE BILL No. 254

DIGEST OF SB 254 (Updated February 16, 2009 10:53 am - DI 102)

Citations Affected: IC 3-5.

Synopsis: Military identification cards as voter ID. Provides that an identification document issued by the Department of Defense, a branch of the uniformed services, the Merchant Marine, or the National Guard that has an indefinite expiration date is an acceptable proof of identification for voting.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

**Breaux, Boots, Landske, Kruse,
Errington, Young R Michael**

January 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections.
February 16, 2009, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 3-5-2-40.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.109-2005,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 40.5. **(a) Except as provided in subsection (b),**
4 "proof of identification" refers to a document that satisfies all the
5 following:

6 (1) The document shows the name of the individual to whom the
7 document was issued, and the name conforms to the name in the
8 individual's voter registration record.

9 (2) The document shows a photograph of the individual to whom
10 the document was issued.

11 (3) The document includes an expiration date, and the document:
12 (A) is not expired; or

13 (B) expired after the date of the most recent general election.

14 (4) The document was issued by the United States or the state of
15 Indiana.

16 **(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(3), a document issued by the**
17 **United States Department of Defense, a branch of the uniformed**

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1 services, the Merchant Marine, or the Indiana National Guard
2 that:
3 (1) otherwise complies with the requirements of subsection
4 (a); and
5 (2) states that the document has an indefinite expiration date;
6 is sufficient proof of identification for purposes of this title.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Elections, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 254, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 5, delete "has no expiration date or".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 254 as introduced.)

LANDSKE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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